

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-23 are now pending in the application. Claims 1, 5, 7, and 9-23 are amended. The amendments to the claims contained herein are of equivalent scope as originally filed and, thus, are not a narrowing amendment. Additionally, claims 4, 8, and 24-26 are deleted. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103 AND ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Claims 1-7 and 20-26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tai (U.S. Pat. No. 6,178,619 in view of Chung (U.S. Pat. No. 20020063690 A1). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 is now amended to include features of claims 4 and 8. The Examiner states that claims 8-19 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. The amendment follows the spirit of the Examiner's suggestion that claim 8 be rewritten in independent form including all the features of its parent claim 1 and intervening claim 4. Instead of making claim 8 independent, claim 1 now includes the features expressly recited in claims 4 and 8. Additionally, claims 4 and 8 have been canceled. Therefore, claim 1 as amended is in allowable condition.

Claims 2-3, 5-7, and 9-23 depend on claim 1 and hence are allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 1. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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